MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഇപ്പോൾ ജനറൽ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ പ്രതിമാസം എത്ര രോഗികളെവീതം കിടത്തി ചികിത്സിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSLA DR. (MRS) M. POONEN LUKOSE : About 700, Sir.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ രോഗികളുടെ ഉപയോഗത്തിലേക്കു ആകെ എത്ര കിടക്കകൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSLA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE : About 550.

Government Ayurveda College.

287. ***MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the question of taking over the Government Ayurveda College under the control of the Travancore University has been considered ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : No.

Supply of drinking water.

288. ***MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the desirability of supplying good drinking water from Alwaye river to the inhabitants of Moothakunnam in Parur taluk ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : The question has not been considered as the cost of the scheme will be prohibitive.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know what the cost of the scheme will be ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : Sir, it has not been taken into consideration at all and, so, no estimate has been prepared.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know the basis for the opinion that the cost of the scheme will be prohibitive ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : Sir, Moothakunnam is several miles away from the nearest point of the Alwaye river wherefrom water could be diverted to that place, and a large number of miles of pipe lines will be required. Obviously in the present conditions of the West, it will be extremely expensive. Along with that, there is also the question of the filtering plant which would be prohibitive in cost.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know what is meant by saying that several miles of pipe lines will be required ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : Moothakunnam is on the mouth of the Alwaye river, and the water at that particular point is extremely brackish. So, about 6 or 7 miles up the river, water has to be diverted from, and that length of pipe line will be required.

Surgical operations in Government Hospitals.

289. ***MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a decrease in the year 1114 in the percentage of patients cured on whom surgical operations were conducted in Government Hospitals from that of the year 1113 ; and

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons for the same

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